search among teachers and educationists, and does so mainly in the following ways:—

(i) Financial assistance for research projects and fellowships for doctoral work;

(ii) Publication grants for doctoral theises and research monographs;

(iii) By acting as a clearing-house for ideas and information on educational research and innovations; and

(iv) Organisation of all India competition-cum-seminar reading programmes for teachers and teacher educators, on innovations and experimentation in teaching methodology.

(c) In the main thrust of the National Policy on Education, 1986, a massive programme for orienting school teachers, including Principals and Headmasters, is operated through NCERT. This is to improve professional competence. A total of about 13.48 lakh teachers have been trained under this programme through 10-day orientation camps during 1986, 1987 and 1988. The 1989 round of the programme is in progress.

Introduction of Computer Science as a subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*137. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is considering to introduce Computer Science as an elective subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas at Plus two stage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas cater to the educational needs of the children of transferable Central Govt. employees. Accordingly it is necessary to have uniformity in courses throughout the country. Offering more subjects at plus two level uniformity in all Kendriya Vidyalayas would very substantially increase the requirement of funds for additional teachers and classrooms. Keeping in view the constraints of resources it is not considered advisable to introduce more number of elective subjects at plus two stage.

Private buses under D.T.C. Operation

*18. SHRRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private buses under the D.T.C. operation as on 1st tion as on 1-7-1989 under the temporary stage carriage permits;

(b) the number of private buses under the D.T.C. operation as on 1st January, 1988; and

(c) under what legal authority temporary stage carriage permits have been allowed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) 733.

(b) 1042.

(c) The existing temporary permits had been issued by the State Transport Authority under the provision of erstwhile Motor Vehicles Act, 1939.

West Germany's Denial Regarding supply of equipments for AGNI

*139. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the details of West German Ministry